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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN - EXHIBITION OF TAPESTRIES FROM
HARRANIA

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1. USINT APPROVES USE OF SMITHSONIAN FY-74, PL-480 FUNDS FOR VISIT TO EGYPT OF RONALD GOODMAN IN CONNECTION WITH HARRANIA TAPESTRIES EXHIBIT. WISSA WASSEF'S TAPESTRIES WOULD, WE BELIEVE, MAKE EXCELLENT MATERIAL FOR TOUR OF US.

2. IN CONSIDERING FUNDING EXPENSES FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL OF EGYPTIANS, AIR SHIPMENT OF TAPESTRIES, ETC., SMITHSONIAN SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT WISSA WASSEF IS IMBUED WITH CAPITALIST ETHIC. OVER PAST TEN YEARS HIS TAPESTRIES HAVE SOLD EXTREMELY WELL IN EGYPT AS WELL AS OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY. HE HAS MANAGED TO FINANCE HIS OWN TOURS TO FRANCE AND SCANDINAVIA WITHOUT SUPPORT FROM OTHER SOURCES. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AT CONCLUSION OF TOURS VIRTUALLY ALL TAPESTRIES HAVE BEEN SOLD FOR HANDSOME PRICES. IN SUM, WISSA WASSEF IS A RICH MAN, AND HIS PROJECTED TOUR OF US MAY NOT NEED SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT FROM USG AS LONG AS PROPER INDUCEMENT EXISTS FOR HIM TO MAKE TRIP. FUNDING OF US DOLLAR COSTS OF TRIP BY ESSO, PROSPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT FOR NEW MARKET, AND FURTHER INTERNATIONAL PUBLICITY MAY FORM SUCH INDUCEMENT. THIS,
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HOWEVER, MAY BE MATTER FOR FURTHER EXPLORATION BY GOODMAN

DURING HIS VISIT TO CAIRO.

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